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ROSES

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ROBERTS ROSES
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ROSES FOR COLORADO

We take pleasure in offering a catalog of roses for Colorado, that is more than ever before a list that has been tried and found satisfactory. Our offerings are made mainly to rose lovers living within a hundred miles of Denver and the varieties are those approved by our customers who in the last eight years have bought and enjoyed a hundred thousand of our roses. We have rigidly excluded any that are distinctly inferior here, even though they may be popular in the South or in California.

Yellow and salmon roses are in greater demand than roses of any other color. But we have to use much care in extending our list to meet this demand, as most of the yellows offered in California or in the Eastern markets south of New York are not very hardy or at least are not thrifty here. Remember this when wonderful color plates tempt you.

We try out many new roses but cannot get them all. We would greatly appreciate specific information from our customers regarding any new roses they may put in their garden, that our list may be extended to include everything of proven merit.

We are frequently asked to name the best dozen roses. This is a difficult question but the following are the best sellers.

Kaiserin	Jonkherr Mock
Sunburst	Commonwealth
Roberts Salmon	American Beauty
Souv. C. Pernet	Cynthia Ford
Radiance	Crusader
La France	Gruss an Teplitz

And in Climbers we suggest as leaders:

White Perkins	Tausendschoen
Ghislaine de Feligonde	American Pillar
Dorothy Perkins	Climbing Beauty
Dr. Van Fleet	Pauls Scarlet

All of the Hybrid Perpetuals we offer are good, but there is no great demand for these roses here as most prefer the monthly blooming Hybrid Teas.

HUGONIS, the famous yellow rose of China is so different that it deserves special mention. When fully developed, it is a most graceful bush six to ten feet high and nearly as large across. Early in the season, usually in May, it is covered with thousands of single yellow flowers, that line every twig to the tip, greatly resembling small hollyhocks. Out of bloom and even in the winter it is unusually attractive. It is hardy to the tip of the smallest branch.

The great superiority of own root roses for planting here has been so clearly demonstrated that the average gardener uses budded roses only when the others cannot be obtained. And the few roses that will only do well when budded can easily be spared.

We continue to urge the use of pot grown roses instead of dormant plants. If you plant a hundred, a hundred live and bloom. For even, vigorous, healthy growth, plant pot grown roses. Then give them a chance by removing the buds for a couple of months. Handled thus, your roses will each season repay your every effort and expense.

If **ROBERTS** offers the rose, it is suitable for Colorado planting.

HYBRID TEA ROSES

"EVERBLOOMING" - "MONTHLY"

THIS CLASS OF ROSES IS BY FAR THE MOST POPULAR AND MOST GENERALLY PLANTED. HARDY WITH MODERATE CARE AND PROTECTION; LARGE, FREE BLOOMING AND FRAGRANT, THEY ARE THE IDEAL OF MOST GARDENERS. IN PLANTING, SPACE THEM ABOUT 16 INCHES EACH WAY.

PROPER PLANTING TIME — MAY 1st

WHITE ROSES

- Angelus**—A big yellowish white rose. Scant bloomer.....
Double White Killarney—Fragrant and long budded, but it often suffers from mildew.....
Kaiserin A. V.—Very fragrant. Medium sized pointed buds. A free bloomer and very popular.....
White Ophelia—Long budded, with a pinkish centre.....

YELLOW AND SALMON ROSES

- Duchess of Wellington**—Best called the Yellow Killarney.....
Fontanelle—A choice large fawn rose with the elusive water lily colorings—\$1.00.
Golden Ophelia—Good clear yellow. Small but profuse....
Hugonis—Grows to a six-foot shrub, which in May is covered with bright yellow single flowers—\$1.00.
Irish Fireflame—A wonderful flame-colored bud opening pinkish and apricot. Single.....
John C. Mensing—A Butterfly sport, deeper in color and larger than the parent.....
Lady Hillingdon (Tea)—Clear light yellow. Small.....
Mme. Butterfly—Pinkish Ophelia. Much finer colors than its parent which is discarded.....
Mme. A. Dreux—A small rose with extraordinary tints of shrimp, apricot, pink, and yellow—\$1.00.
Mme. Aaron Ward—Small Indian yellow rose.....
Mrs. A. R. Waddell—Salmon pink. A good bloomer and one of the most popular in its color.....
Rapture—A new rose of Butterfly type showing apricot, coral, rose and gold. Good size.....
Rev. F. Page Roberts—Orange yellow with long buds. Fragrant. Somewhat subject to spot.....
Roberts' Salmon—A good reliable apricot to pink rose. Free blooming. Our best selling yellow.....
Roselandia—Rather like Golden Ophelia but larger and somewhat darker.....
Souv. C. Pernet—The finest yellow. Rich deep color and a big bud. Good grower and very hardy.—\$1.00
Sunburst—A long budded salmon yellow rose. An old favorite. Moderately hardy only.....
Therese—Small shrimp pink flowers. Very free.....

Except where noted all the above Roses sell at 65c each, \$6.50 per doz., \$50.00 per hundred.

LIGHT PINK ROSES

- Briarcliff**—A darg pink sport of Columbia.....
- Columbia**—Big, bright pink flowers. A good cut flower variety, which does fairly well in the garden
- Cynthia Ford**—A strong growing variety which gives many quite double flowers. Recommended.....
- Florex**—Long budded, brilliant pink. New and fine
- Killarney**—Preferred by many because of its vigor. Long buds. The foliage frequently mildews
- La France**—The best light pink rose for bedding
- Mme C. Testout**—A good reliable bloomer. Fair flowers. Portland's best rose.....
- Mrs. Chas. Bell**—A shell pink Radiance. Recommended.
- Mrs. Chas. Russell**—A fine fragrant rose but the plants are prone to blackspot.....
- My Maryland**—A free blooming rose with well shaped buds. First class bedding rose.....
- Radiance**—The freest blooming pink rose we have.....
- Rosy Dawn**—Like a great big Ophelia. Very vigorous

DARK PINK ROSES

- Commonwealth**—Deep rose pink. Large and very fragrant. A fine rose.....
- Dunlop**—Dark pink. Long pointed bud. Fragrant and a good grower.....
- Jonkherr Mock**—The biggest pink rose. A strong grower. An old time favorite.....
- Premier**—Big and fragrant. Does best in a heavy soil. Lovely when properly grown.....
- Premier Supreme**—A very dark sport of Premier. Even better than the parent.....

RED ROSES

- American Beauty**—The most popular of all roses. A strong growing rose with big, fragrant flowers
- Crusader**—Long stemmed, double, dark red.....
- Francis Scott Key**—The biggest red rose grown. Not fragrant and usually a weak grower.....
- Gruss an Teplitz (Hybrid China)**—The freest blooming red rose. Most popular.....
- Hadley**—A fragrant, very dark red. Long budded.....
- Hortulanus Budde**—A fine dark red. Blooms in great profusion
- Legion**—A fine grower, especially in cool weather.....
- Mrs. F. R. Pierson**—New—Long stemmed medium red....
- Mrs. Henry Sewall**—Cherry red. Pointed bud. Very fragrant. A good rose.....
- Red Columbia**—Small pointed buds of brilliant scarlet. Rather single. Vigorous grower.....
- Red Radiance**—A medium red variety of Radiance.....
- Sensation**—A strong growing rose with great big velvety crimson flowers. Mildews some.....
- Templar**—Resembles a big red Ophelia. Long stems.....

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Part of Our Gardens



A Trellis of Dorothy Perkins



Kniphofia are strikingly decorative



American Pillar Rose



A rare Brown Foxglove



Water Lilies fit in any Garden



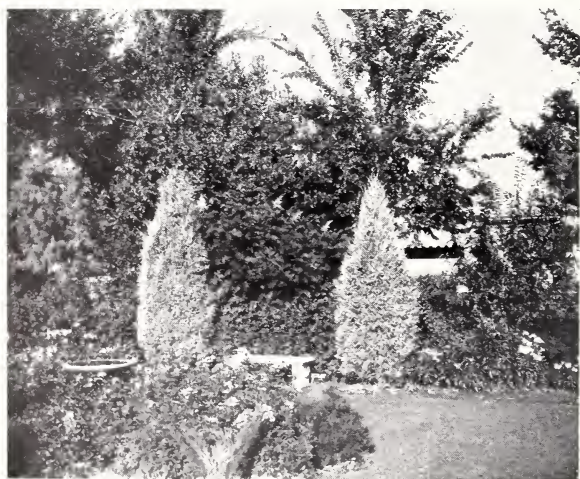
A group of English Lupins



Grape Vines on a Pergola



Humboldt, California's finest Lily



Evergreens are invaluable in the Garden

BABY RAMBLER ROSES

"DWARF POLYANTHA"—"BUSH RAMBLERS"

THESE LITTLE ROSES ARE INVALUABLE FOR EDGING OR BORDERS, OR FOR SOLID BEDDING WHERE MASS EFFECT IS DESIRED. NOT VALUABLE FOR CUTTING, BUT FOR THEIR EVER-BLOOMING QUALITIES. EVERY ROSE BED CAN BE EDGED WITH THESE CHARMING PLANTS. PLANT 12 TO 16 INCHES APART.

Baby Tausendschoen—Shell pink rather large flowers....

Cecile Brunner—The well known sweetheart rose.....

Edith Cavell—Small dark scarlet roses in great masses

Ellen Paulsen—Medium pink. Large double flowers.....

Erma Teschendorf—Small deep red flowers. The best known

Gruss an Aachen—Light pink. Very large flowers.....

La Marne—Single white flowers, edged with rose. Vigorous grower and a fine rose.....

Orleans—Medium pink. A very fine bedder.....

PROPER PLANTING TIME — MAY 1st

CLIMBING ROSES

"RAMBLERS"—"CLIMBERS"—"RUNNING ROSES"

A MOST VALUABLE CLASS FOR COVERING TRELLISES, PORCHES, FENCES AND OTHER LARGE AREAS. THE PILLAR ROSES SELDOM EXCEED TEN FEET IN HEIGHT BUT THE OTHERS MAY GO THIRTY TO FIFTY FEET. THE PERKINS ROSES IN THEIR SEVERAL COLORS ARE MOST SATISFACTORY. ONE PLANT EVERY SIX FEET IS ENOUGH FOR A FENCE. AS A RULE THEY BLOOM BUT ONCE.

THOSE MARKED P ARE PILLAR ROSES.

WHITE CLIMBERS

P. Mary Lovett—Fine large double flowers. Good glossy foliage.....

White Dorothy Perkins—A very rapid grower.....

Wichuriana—Prostrate grower. Single flowers. Valuable for covering bank or graves.....

YELLOW CLIMBERS

Dorothy Dennison—Beautiful tiny coral to yellow buds

P Emily Gray—Medium large light yellow flowers. Very fine glossy foliage. One of the best.....

Electra—Tiny orange pink flowers over a long season....

Gardenia—A profusion of pale yellow flowers.....

P. Ghislaine de Feligonde—Orange pink flowers nearly all Summer. A very fine rose.....

LIGHT PINK CLIMBERS

Alida Lovett—Good large pink flowers. Glossy leaves

Christine Wright—Large double flowers. Good.....

Dorothy Perkins—The best known pink climber. Great masses of small flowers.....

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- Dr. Van Fleet**—Shell pink. Glossy leaves. Very fine.....
- New Pink Rambler**—Best described as a fine pink form of the old Crimson Rambler. Strongly recommended
- Tausendschoen**—A shell pink pillar rose. Blooms very freely early in the season.....

DARK PINK CLIMBERS

- P American Pillar**—One of the best pillar roses. Dark pink with a white center. Wonderful foliage.....
- Heart of Gold**—New. Similar to Hiawatha but larger and more vigorous.....
- Hiawatha**—Single, deep rose with a white centre. Similar to Perkins. Fine in masses.....
- P Mary Wallace**—New. Bright clear rose pink, the petals salmon at the base.....
- Minnehaha**—A very deep rose colored Perkins. Fine.....
- P New Tausendschoen**—More vigorous and much darker than the type. A superior rose.....

RED CLIMBERS

- Bess Lovett**—A considerably improved Climbing American Beauty. Very vigorous.....
- Climbing American Beauty**—Great quantities of fairly double flowers on good stems.....
- P Dr. Huey**—Large flowers of crimson maroon. Very vigorous grower but rather tender.....
- Excelsa**—Red Dorothy Perkins. Best of the family.....
- Flower of Fairfield**—Improved Crimson Rambler.....
- P. Pauls Scarlet Climber**—The best big red climber. Considered by many the best red in roses.....

PROPER PLANTING TIME — MAY 1st

HYBRID PERPETUAL ROSES

“JUNE ROSES”—“OLD FASHIONED ROSES”

THE ROSES DEAR TO OUR GRANDMOTHERS ARE STILL OF VALUE IN LARGE PLANTINGS, BUT RATHER LARGE FOR SMALL GARDENS. THEIR FLOWERS ARE IMMENSE, BUT THEY BLOOM FREELY BUT ONCE EACH YEAR. THE FLOWER SHOOTS DEVELOP FROM THE WOOD THAT GREW THE YEAR BEFORE, SO EXTREME WINTER KILLING MAY CAUSE THE LOSS OF A SEASON'S FLOWERS. PLANT 18 TO 24 INCHES APART.

- Frau Karl Druschki**—The best white. Immense flowers
- General Jacqueminot**—Velvety crimson. A fine old rose and very popular.....
- George Ahrends**—Large light pink. Sometimes called Pink American Beauty.....
- George Dickson**—A good medium red.....
- Paul Neyron**—Very large medium pink rose. “The largest rose”.....
- Prince Camille de Rohan**—“Black Prince”. The deepest maroon in color.....
- Ulrich Brunner**—Brilliant clear cherry red.....

It is important to remember that Climbers and Hybrid Perpetuals will not bloom the first year.

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HINTS FOR GROWING ROSES

SOIL. To get the best results from bedding roses, they should be planted in an unshaded, open place, with the bed as nearly level as possible. Heavy, well-drained clay soil gives the best results; but any ordinarily heavy soil, not too rich with fresh manure, will suffice. No fertilizer should be used at planting time unless it is buried at least a foot. Ground steamed bone meal should be applied at the rate of two pounds per square yard.

PLANTING. Roses in beds should be planted about 16 inches each way. Knock the rose plant, dirt and all, out of the pot and set about 1½ inches deeper in the ground than it was growing before. Pack the earth very firmly around the plant so that no air spaces are left. Then soak the bed. Planting is best done about the first of May but may be done the latter part of April if protection from heavy frost can be given. If necessary, these pot roses can be planted any time during the Summer, but the earlier they go in, the better start they get.

CULTIVATION. Frequent shallow cultivation is invaluable, and should always be done as soon as possible after rain or watering. After hot weather sets in the bed may be mulched with a thin layer of grass clippings, moss, pulverized peat or fine manure. These mulches should be about one half inch thick and the different materials can be used in rotation.

WATERING. In Colorado, roses are best watered very heavily at intervals of several days. Even in the hottest weather a watering every three or four days is enough if lots of water is used at each watering. An occasional spraying of the leaves, particularly the under sides, will dislodge the red spiders and keep the plants healthy. All watering should be done in the forenoon as leaves that are wet at night will mildew.

DISBUDDING. All roses have a tendency to overbloom during the Summer. Larger and better flowers are obtained if the plants be restrained by breaking off a part of the buds that form, especially the smaller ones near the bottom of the plant and those on very thin stems. This rule should be applied to the newly set plants, even to the extent of removing all of the first crop of buds.

INSECTS. Black Leaf 40, applied according to instructions will keep aphids under control. Caterpillars, leaf rollers, and similar pests can be killed by Paris Green dusted or sprayed on the leaves. Rose Beetles are the hardest to handle but Melrosine will come nearer doing it than anything else we have found.

DISEASES. Mildew is usually the result of incorrect watering and can be controlled somewhat by dusting with flower of sulphur. Black Spot is the rose grower's greatest trouble. Removal of the infected leaves and spraying with Bordeaux or dusting with Massey powder seems to help the most.

WINTER PROTECTION. For Hybrid Teas, a cone of dirt, six inches high around each rose plant is sufficient protection. The stems can be cut down to pencil length either in the Fall or Spring. Hybrid Perpetuals bloom on the wood that grew the previous year so the canes should be left full length and protected by bending over and covering if possible. A few evergreen boughs will do excellently. The same is true of climbers except that it is usually out of the question to lay them down. In such case hang the evergreens to protect them from the afternoon sun.

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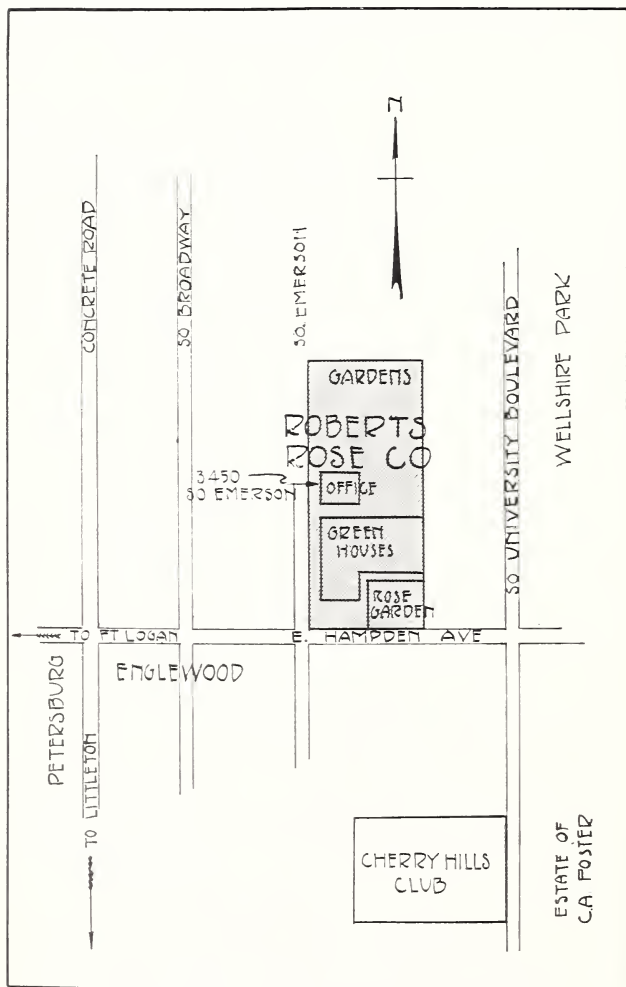
Trees	Evergreens
Shrubs	Lilies
Fruits	Perennials

in great variety. If interested, let us send you catalogs.

In all these lines, we endeavor to give the same service and high quality of stock that characterizes our dealings in Roses. As far as possible, only Colorado grown plants are offered and in the varieties that have proven of the most worth in this state.

"Plants that are right at a price that is right."

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Location of Roberts Rose Co.'s Gardens